

**Michigan Department of Agriculture  
Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining Act**

**Negotiation Schedule for 2008 Processing Apples**

<b>Commodity</b>		<b>Action Required</b>	<b>Date</b>
Processing Apples	Marketing Period		September 20, 2008 – March 31, 2009
	60 days prior to the beginning of the marketing period	Negotiations begin around this date. Assn. annual report due, including handlers with whom they'll negotiate	July 22, 2008 (Tuesday)
	30 days prior to the beginning of the marketing period	<b>Last day to opt out of bargaining</b>	<b>August 21, 2008</b> (Thursday) Opt out letter should be to AMBB no later than close of business on August 21, 2008
	First day of the marketing period	Arbitration timetable begins	September 20, 2008 (Saturday) is the deadline for conclusion of negotiations. Contact AMBB at 8:00 a.m. Monday, September 22, 2008, if no settlement exists.
	Thirteenth day of marketing period	Last day to submit name of joint settlement committee person to AMBB administrative staff	October 2, 2008 (Thursday) Contact AMBB no later than close of business on October 2, 2008
	Fifteenth day of marketing period	Date that agreement on joint settlement chairperson must be made	October 4, 2008 (Saturday) – Contact AMBB at 8:00 a.m. Monday, October 6, 2008, to arrange for selection of Joint Settlement Chairperson
	Thirtieth day of marketing period	Arbitration hearing should convene prior to this date.	October 19, 2008 (Sunday)
	Thirty days following the beginning of the marketing period	Date that negotiated settlements are due to the AMBB administrative staff	October 20, 2008 (Monday) – Submit to AMBB no later than close of business on October 20, 2008
	Twenty days following arbitration hearing completion	Joint Settlement Committee's award should be submitted to AMBB administrative staff.	Date to be determined
	Thirty days following the award of the joint settlement committee	Signed award is due to the AMBB administrative staff	Date to be determined